

SINCLAIR LEWIS BOYHOOD HOME  
812 Sinclair Lewis Avenue  
Sauk Centre  
Stearns County  
Minnesota

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Minnesota	COUNTY Sterns	TOWN OR VICINITY Sauk Centre
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) SINCLAIR LEWIS BOYHOOD HOME		HABS NO. MN-86
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 812 Sinclair Lewis Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) late 19th century	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Boyhood home of American author, Sinclair Lewis. Lewis was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1930, becoming the 1st American to be so honored. His novel, <u>Main Street</u> was partly based on his impressions of Sauk Centre.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) wood frame with cedar shingle roof		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) T-shape cross gable main block, 1 1/2 stories, with 1 1/2 story addition to rear side		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE decorative front porch with square beveled post with jig-sawn brackets and scalloped shingled roof with ornamental balustrade atop.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) intact woodwork, radiator heating system, kitchen wood stove, bathroom fixtures		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Sinclair Lewis house museum		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Catalog of National Historic Landmarks		
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